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## THANK YOU FOR THE OPPORTUNITY!

I have always considered it a privilege to be given the opportunity for leadership. It is interesting to retrace the steps (from whence we came) that brought us to this time.

Pardon my personal reflections. I felt God's call to L.I.F.E. Bible College in 1934. Graduating in January, 1937, we took our first church in eastern Kansas.

While pastoring for 13 years, I served as Divisional Superintendent and then as State Superintendent of Kansas for several years. During those years, I sensed a real burden for ministers, so when Headquarters invited us to assume the position of Supervisors of the Great Lakes District (though we were not expecting such an offer), it was not difficult to accept, for it seemed a fulfillment of that burden. Serving for nearly 10 years was a joy because it offered the release of a God-given vision and burden to expand the work of the Kingdom.

The move to Headquarters to assume the leadership as Director of the Department of Youth and Christian Education was a major step. But the last 17½ years have been a growing and expanding experience. And, it has been a real delight to work with some of the finest, most dedicated workers that the Lord ever called into His service.

It seems so important that we know our gifts.

Vice President **Howard P. Courtney** was recently re-elected to the **Advisory Committee** of the World Pentecostal Conference. Dr. Courtney will meet with the committee in Oklahoma City, June 7-9 to plan the 12th World Pentecostal Conference to be held in Canada in 1979. Dr. Courtney was the pulpit guest in the Ojai, Ca. Foursquare Church on the occasion of Pastor **Ruby Savage's** 30th anniversary of ministry in the Ojai Church.

Dr. **Vaneda Courtney** will be the special speaker at morning and evening Women's AGLOW Fellowships in the Kansas City, Mo. area, June 13-15. Mrs. **Becky Johnson Hicks**, LIFE alumnus and Missouri Outreach Director of Women's AGLOW will direct these special times of fellowship.

Angelus Temple Pastor, Rev. **Gary Musgrove**, was guest speaker at the annual **Brazil Foursquare Convention** conducted in San Paulo, March 22-25. Rev. Musgrove also ministered in Mexico City, Panama City, Colombia and Venezuela.

Recent Angelus Temple pulpit guests included: Dr. **Yong-Gi Cho**, pastor of the Full Gospel Central Church in Seoul, Korea which is one of the largest Pentecostal Churches in the Far East; Dr. **P.S. Brewster**, General Secretary of the Elim Pentecostal Church of Great Britain and Secretary of the World Pentecostal Advisory Committee; Ethel Barrett, Gospel storyteller; and Roger McDuff, nationally known Gospel singer.

The Mount Vernon, Ohio Bible

College choir recently completed a 12-day tour of the Southeastern states. Evangelist **J. Herman Alexander** conducted a week of services at MVBC which brought real spiritual revival to the campus. **College-For-A-Day** activities included a musical concert with **Doug Oldham** and **The Family Reunion**.

The **LIFE Bible College Chorale** will minister in summer camps in the Northwest, Midwest, Western, Southwest and Southern California Districts. Rev. and Mrs. **Steve Vegasy** will represent the college in the Southeast District. **Summer School** at LIFE began May 20 and will be in session through June 17.

### PRESENT WITH THE LORD

Leroy Bussinger, Eulalia M. Callaway, Louise Y. Newland.

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Some years ago, God revealed to me that He had given me the gift of administration. One reason for my knowing this was that it was easy for me to delegate responsibility to those working with me; to release them to perform under the anointing of the Holy Spirit. Then to watch them grow under that responsibility was a delight.

Leadership is a great privilege along with a tremendous responsibility. But, to retrace one's steps and to be able to say, "I believe I have been in God's divine will" is the most important thing in one's life.

I will leave Headquarters as of June 15th, forever thankful to Dr. Rolf K. McPherson, our President, for the opportunities granted and for the confidence he has manifested toward me.

I will leave disappointed in some ways for personal visions unfulfilled, but be assured, my organization owes me nothing, for it has given me the opportunity to serve my Lord in a manner I could never have dreamed of some years ago.

Mrs. Bird and I thank all of you in our Four-square family for your love and your confidence. We shall always be grateful.

*Dr. Vincent R. Bird*

(A report from President Rolf K. McPherson concerning Dr. Bird's ministry and the future plans for the Department of Youth and Christian Education will be made in the July-August issue.) 4

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Cover: Ernie Caraza and son, Ernie, Jr. of the South Montebello, Ca. Foursquare Church, team efforts in church gardening work. A Sunday School teacher, Ernie, Sr., also takes an active part in the remodeling program of the church facilities.

# INSIDE OUR FOURSQUARE FAMILY:

## COMMUNITY CONCERN:

### "Freddy's Findings" Ministers to Shut-Ins

On a trip east, Mr. Freddy Woodworth, active member of the Ojai, Ca. Foursquare Church, visited several shut-ins who appeared to be very lonely. Returning home, he purposed to write them once a month to cheer them up. Then the thought came to him, "Why not devise some kind of newspaper and send it to them?" Thus, "Freddy's Findings", a one sheet, photocopied newspaper was born.



"Freddy's Findings" contains items of a serious and humorous nature, interesting news tidbits, and a Scripture. Now in its 10th year, with a circulation of 900, it is sent free of charge to convalescent hospitals, shut-ins and folk in many walks of life in many states. Also, any left over church bulletins are enclosed with a "Freddy's Findings". Its purpose is to bring a little cheer to those who are cut off from the regular stream of life.

As well as publishing "Freddy's Findings", Mr. Woodworth takes an active part in the Ojai Church ministry. He directs the church choir, plays his saxaphone in the services and edits the weekly church bulletin. He assists the instrumental music teacher in three schools and gives private lessons on all band instruments after school hours. In his mobile park Mr. Woodworth is chairman of an entertainment group and plays in a band which goes to convalescent homes. He is also an officer in the Grange.

"I am 75 years old," states Freddy, "and a Christian for 57 years. I intend to do these things as long as God gives me breath and strength."

## Mount Vernon Bible College Reaches Out to Community

A Community Awareness Luncheon was held by Mount Vernon, Ohio Bible College for the community's business and religious leaders. Goals and purposes of the Bible College were shared with the 150 who attended. A good response to the presentation was received and already results are being realized as the community has become aware of the aims of the college. Faculty, administration and students took part in the luncheon.

## YOUTH: Mission Impact Teams In Summer Ministry

This summer the Departments of Youth and International Missions will be sponsoring four teams of young people to the mission field. Nearly 35 youth from the U.S. and Canada will be ministering in five countries of the world.

M.I.T. offers young people an opportunity to experience the mission field firsthand. They are thrust into the very heart of the ministry as they share their time, talents, energy and labor with brothers and sisters in other countries. These countries will include: Central America (June 13 - July 3); Ecuador (June 13 - July 3); Panama (Darien Province) (July 2 - 30); and Philippines (July 14 - 31). Please pray for them.

## CHURCH:

### Newton, Iowa Crowns Sweetheart Couple — 1977

In a project to raise funds for missions, a Sweetheart Couple — 1977 contest was conducted in the Newton, Ia. Foursquare Church with votes cast at 10 cents each.

Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Rudloff, winning couple, were crowned with beautiful crowns and presented with a five pound box of candy. The four runner-up wives were presented with lovely corsages. Runner-ups included: Messrs. and Mmes Mark Babcock, Glenn Shunk, Daryle Parsons and Ken Flanagan. Over \$280 was raised for missions.

## Chaplain Sellers Assigned To Naval Torpedo Station

Presently the only Chaplain serving both the Naval Torpedo Station in Keyport, Wash. and the Submarine Base in Bangor, Chaplain Larry G. Sellers is already involved in fruitful ministry since his assignment to the Northwest in January.

The chapel at Keyport has a congregation of both active duty and retired military personnel, with Sunday School classes from Kindergarten through Adulthood. Ministry also includes a Bible fellowship group, worship services, counseling and visitation of work stations. Once a month Chaplain Sellers travels to Canada, via a small seaplane, to visit Naval personnel assigned to the torpedo test range.



## Healing of Leg Cancels Amputation

Pastor Donald Edwards of the Elysian Valley, Ca. Foursquare Church shares the following testimony of healing received from Pearle Sanem who was healed in revival services conducted by Evangelists Wayne and Mary Westberg:

"Several years ago I broke a bone in my foot and underwent surgery. I required the use of a walker and had to wear a special shoe. Phlebitis, lymphedema and hardening of the arteries developed which again required surgery. The veins and arteries in my leg were replaced with plastic tubes from the knee and halfway up the thigh. Because I did not have circulation in my leg, my doctor wanted to amputate. For seven years I could not walk without a cane and was in constant pain.

"As a result of prayer in the Westberg meetings, I was immediately healed and the pain left. No longer did I need my cane. I visited my doctor and he was puzzled, as I now had more circulation in my bad leg as I did in my good leg. I shared my testimony of healing with my doctor and praised God for His healing power."

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*From the Keynote Address of Dr. Allan Hamilton, to the International Foursquare Church Convention.*

*Apollo XII lifted off its launching pad and roared into space. A beautiful launch. For about 36 seconds the flight was normal. Then something happened for which no one was fully prepared. Lightning struck the spacecraft. At that instant every alarm system on board was activated. The master system sounded and warning lights lit up all over the control panel.*

Astronaut Dick Gordon said; "In all our training, we had never seen so many alarm lights as went on inside that spacecraft." At the moment there was nothing that could be done. Once into orbit everything depended on getting the inertial guidance system back into position.

Dick Gordon crawled down into the equipment bay and tried to sight some stars. There was not a star in sight. Looking through the telescope he saw nothing but darkness. As his eyes adapted to the inky darkness he caught a brief glimpse of the constellation — Orion. Then another and another. Apollo XII was back in control.

There is another sort of spacecraft that is travelling through space at the rate of 67,000 MPH — our planet earth. We are moving through strange and remarkable times. It is a critical moment for we, too, have been struck by lightning.

#### WHERE IN THE WORLD IS THE CHURCH?

Alarm lights are blazing all over the place. Warnings are sounding off. Four billion people are riding nervously on a planet that is going through radical change. Absolutes, goals and ideals are drifting off like fog in the summer sun. We can't seem to find a single star or anything by which we can realign our guidance system.

Terrorists, bomb throwers, arsonists and political radicals armed with heavy artillery seem to operate at will in any nation. Intimidation and fear are rampant. Shrewd manipulators are determined to control the thinking of society through direct or subliminal manipulation. We have had to stand by and watch as moral guidelines have been hopelessly destroyed. What the Bible calls sin, public officials sanction. With the loss of absolutes, men become a law unto themselves doing that which is convenient. And God is giving them over to themselves. International politics face perplexity, finding no way out. Perhaps the greatest shock of all is to see those once designated to be the Bride of Christ committing

# the oxen are stumbling

spiritual adultery while pseudosaviors grab the microphones and announce, "I am Christ".

For sure, it is no time for a sleepy Church. We may have moved closer than we know to the days Christ warned us of. Or to Paul's admonition that "All that will live Godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution" (II Tim. 3:12). We know that "It is time for thee, Lord, to work: for they have made void thy law" (Psa. 119:126). We are watching a new run of Romans, chapter 1.

The Church is crying out, "Awake, awake, put on strength, O arm of the Lord." God is answering back, "Awake, awake, Clothe yourself in your strength, O Zion; Clothe yourself in your beautiful garments" (Isa. 51:9, 52:1 NAS).

We the Church, are those who have been redeemed on the basis of the blood of the Lamb. We are the called out ones. We are not just a group of people going to heaven. We are, this moment, the Bride of Christ. God is forging an instrument which is to be glorious and holy. A people that shall one day rule and govern the affairs of the universe. He is now, this moment, displaying and ready to display His wisdom, power and glory. "This is the purpose that is purposed upon the whole earth: and this is that land that is stretched out upon all the nations. For the Lord of hosts hath purposed and who shall disannul it?" (Isa. 14:26,27).

#### A LONGING, SEARCHING HEART

We cannot deny that God is present in power now! Look at the victories won! We are amazed at the display of His power! Who would have dreamed a few years ago that national news magazines would headline such themes as "Born Again?" When would we have guessed that a title like "The Year Of The Evangelical" would have covered the same periodicals worldwide? What a thrill it is to know that great churches are springing up in nations, with Sunday attendances reaching as high as 10, 20 and even 40,000.

Yet, with all that we experience, there is a yearning, longing, searching, tugging in the heart of God's people for a more intimate relationship with God and for a more powerful manifestation of the power of His presence.

## DAVID HAD THE VISION

King David, a man after God's own heart, spoke for all of Israel when their hearts burned with the same desire — to see the glory of God. "Let us bring again the ark of our God to us", the ark — the visible presence of God; the glory of His presence (I Chron. 13:3). The ark was in Kirjath-jearim, a town in Judah, about eight miles from Jerusalem. The people were experiencing many victories, some of which were very outstanding, but the ark was not in Zion. "So David gathered all Israel together... to bring the ark of God from Kirjath-jearim" (I Chron. 13:5).

## DAVID'S PLAN

As given to us in I Chronicles 13:7, a new cart was built on which to transport the ark to Zion. The Philistines had done this in the past, with God's permission. Israel thought it to be a great idea and after all, it was a new cart carefully constructed and polished by the finest of craftsmen. "And they carried the ark of God in a new cart out of the house of Abinadab: and Uzza and Ahio drove the cart."

One thing was wrong. God had appointed and anointed the priests to carry the ark. It was His plan that it be moved by the priests. They knew the instructions, but in spite of it they decided on the new cart. They were quite excited about bringing the visible presence of God into Zion on their own terms.

The tragedy is too often repeated. Men are still trying to bring the glory and the presence of God into Zion on their self-styled carts, rather than keeping to the pattern of God. Some of these carts are built after great expenditures on research. The diagrams are run through the latest computers. The mechanical brain, types out the word "SUCCESS". With that, the ark is set up carefully on the new cart. The move begins and really looks successful for a time. But, THE OXEN BEGIN TO STUMBLE. Man's well laid plans and strategy are on shaky ground. The driver reaches out to help sustain the Lord's presence and hold it on the ark. But God judges him quickly, for He shares His glory with no man. The glory of His presence does not, cannot come into Zion through man-made efforts.

## HOW CAN THE ARK COME INTO ZION?

The negative side of that answer is obvious; not by means of a new cart! In this convention you will find many whose hearts are aflame with the desire to bring the ark, the visible presence of God's glory, into Zion. That too, is our longing.

## praise and worship characterize the present rain of Holy Spirit renewal.



Our plans have not included any great display or demonstrations of large, mid-economy-size or compact models of the latest carts. We have prayed that together, in unity, we might prepare our hearts for the coming of the power and the glory of His presence.

The instructions are found in I Chronicles 15:12 — "Sanctify yourselves, both ye and your brethren, that ye may bring up the ark of the Lord God of Israel unto the place that I have prepared for it."

**SANCTIFICATION!** A key word, often forgotten. It covers not only the ugly works of the flesh, but the subtle, nagging little things like jealousy, unforgiving spirits, self-denunciation, etc. Hosea says, "Break up your fallow ground; for it is time to seek the Lord, till he come and rain righteousness upon you" (Hos. 10:12).

We have prayed that we will all search and try our ways. That God will renew a right spirit within us. That with clean hands and a pure heart we might ascend the hill of the Lord. If we are to see the glory of His presence and experience the presence of His power, we dare not be priests whose lives are dominated by sin and ruled by self. "So the priests and the Levites sanctified themselves" (I Chron. 15:14).

## THE SOUND OF JOY

David assigned the Levites to carry the ark of God and to minister to Him forever. This was to be their chief purpose — to minister unto the Lord and to be responsible for the presence of the ark upon which rested the glory of God. They were to "raise the sound of joy". "Thus all Israel brought up the ark of the covenant of the Lord with shouting, and with sound of the horn, with trumpets, with loud-sounding cymbals, with harps and lyres" (I Chron. 15:28 NAS). The Levites were to lead the people: in praise and thanksgiving; to call upon the name of the Lord; and to make known His deeds among the people.

If there is any one thing that characterizes the now gentle, present rain of Holy Spirit renewal, it is praise and worship. It seems a sure pattern that that ark, the visible, manifested presence of the glory and the power of God is coming to Zion! It is being borne on the shoulders of the Levites. It is not coming on a new cart. It is coming in God's own way, accompanied by a new song, expressions of praise, joy and worship unto the Lord. [4]

## PEOPLE:

# LIFE Bible College Celebrates "Dr. Charles William Walkem Day"



Teacher, Musician, Preacher,  
Scholar, Writer, Composer, Pastor,  
Linguist, Evangelist, Friend

"By virtue of the power vested in the students of LIFE Bible College, Friday, April 22nd has been declared 'Dr. Walkem Day,'" so stated a number of posters placed in the halls and classrooms of the college during the week preceding this event.

Charles William Walkem, Professor Emeritus of L.I.F.E. Bible College, was honored by students, faculty and well-wishers as he concluded 41 years of teaching at the college. [4]



Center: Student Body Officers present Dr. Walkem with scores of cards and messages from former and present students, faculty and friends; Dr. Thompson Eade (left), his contemporary, was present to give a tribute.

A cassette tape of this Chapel service is available at \$2.75 from College Relations, 1115 Lemoyne St., L.A. Ca 90026

Bottom: LIFE President, Dr. N. M. Van Cleave (left), and Dean of Admissions, Dr. Ralph Hammon, gave a brief exchange of humorous incidents relating to Dr. Walkem which have occurred over the years. The Chapel concluded with remarks by President Rolf K. McPherson who led a concluding prayer of thanksgiving for Dr. Walkem's life and ministry; "Poet of the Piano", Dr. Walkem, favored the audience with a special musical interpretation.

# CONVENTION REPORT:

## ORDINATION SERVICE

Always proving a very moving and sacred service in the convention program is the Ordination Service when men and women receive the laying on of hands as they are set apart for ministry. President Rolf K. McPherson directed the May 29 Sunday afternoon Ordination Service. He was ably assisted by the Board of Directors and the Ordination Committee.

## MINISTERS HONORED

### 25 YEARS OF FAITHFUL MINISTRY

A highlight of the convention is the service honoring ministers who have completed 25 years of active ministry. Over 700 ministers have previously been honored on this special night since the program's inception in 1956.

General Supervisor M. E. Nicholls directed the service. Dr. Rolf K. McPherson, President, presented the 31 ministers so honored with a 25-year pin. An inspiring message was brought by Dr. Howard W. Clark, Eastern District Supervisor.

## FOURSQUARE BIBLE COLLEGES'

### ALUMNI BREAKFAST

Another special feature of the convention was the Foursquare Bible Colleges' Alumni Breakfast held in the ballroom of the Sheraton Motor Inn on Saturday morning, May 29. The LIFE (of Los Angeles) Alumni Association Executive Committee suggested that Dr. Raymond L. Cox, pastor of the Salem, Oregon Foursquare Church, and a committee of Northwest District alumni of the several colleges, arrange this year's program.

While the program recognized representatives of several foreign Foursquare Bible Colleges, most of the activities focused upon Mount Vernon Bible College, LIFE of Canada, and LIFE of Los Angeles. John Wold directed the Los Angeles LIFE Choir in two musical packages which thrilled the large audience. Media presentations familiarized alumni from the other campuses with operations and ministries elsewhere. Dr. Don McGregor, Director of Evangelism and Church Growth, challenged the alumni to spearhead their church's participation in the inclusion of the colleges in their regular budgets. Officers of the several Alumni Associations were introduced.

## U.F.W. SHEPHERDESS LUNCHEON

The "Beauty of Spring", the selected theme which was beautifully illustrated in the table decor, greeted each of the ladies at the United Foursquare Women's Shepherdess Luncheon held at the Sheraton Hotel on May 25. White tablecloths, pink programs and lovely long-stemmed red roses graced each table with a gorgeous bank of roses displayed at the head table.

It was thrilling to see the results of projects

and ministries of United Foursquare Women around the world through the media of colored slides, presented by Mrs. Karl Williams, past President.

Renee Greenidge, soloist, blessed everyone with her beautiful music. Dr. Douglas Roberts, physician, noted speaker and author of "To Adam With Love" was also a blessing as he shared in ministry.

Preceding the luncheon, Mrs. Jack Loggins was installed as International President in a very special installation service conducted in the Portland Foursquare Church. Also installed were: Mrs. Harold Jefferies, International Vice-President; and the District President and Vice-President from each of our ten Districts. Mrs. Jean Firth, Foursquare missionary to Colombia, was an inspiration to those present as she spoke.

On Friday, Mrs. Jack Loggins, President, was honored at the President's Tea prepared and graciously served by the women of the Portland Chapter of United Foursquare Women.

## INTERNATIONAL C.F.M. LUNCHEON

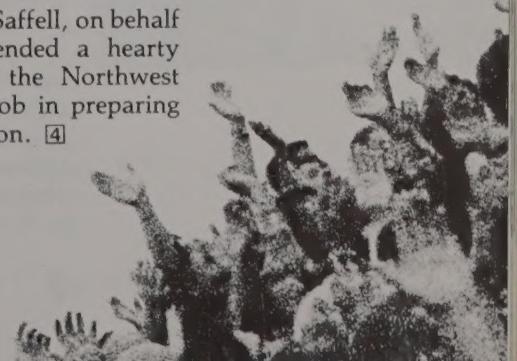
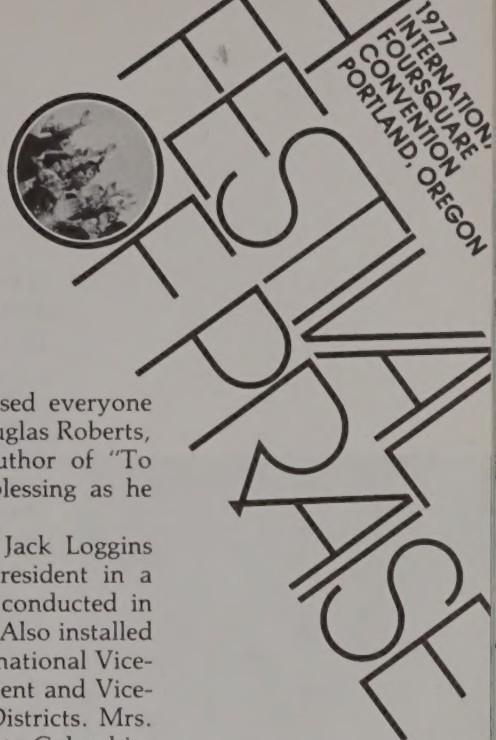
"Equipping Men For Ministry" was the theme of the Council of Foursquare Men's luncheon held the first day of the convention.

Following the opening Convention Prayer Session held in the Portland Foursquare Church, the men moved on to the Hilton Hotel where a gathering of several hundred continued in worship and praise.

Featured speaker, Darrall Imhoff, former All-American, Olympic Gold Medalist and professional basketball player, stressed the fact that superior physical and mental capabilities are not the total answer to success or coping with life. Recently filled with the Holy Spirit, Darrall has found that it is the Holy Spirit working in one's life that puts it all together and finally equips one for ministry.

As reports were shared and opportunities for ministries presented, all men present were challenged to new dedication and to daily seek the Holy Spirit's guidance and power to fulfill their part in the total church ministry which reaches to the ends of the earth.

International President Jack Saffell, on behalf of all C.F.M. members, extended a hearty "thank you" to the men of the Northwest District who did such a fine job in preparing and hosting the C.F.M. Luncheon. [4]



# CHILDREN IN THE NEW

"ONCE I WAS FLATFOOTED,  
BOWLEGGED AND KNOCKED-KNEED,  
BUT NOW I WALK"



Six year old Tom Brunick of Vienna, South Dakota now runs without pain since the Lord healed him in 1972 during a series of meetings conducted by Evangelist Arleta Keck. From that day until this, little Tom knows Jesus healed him. His legs began to feel different and the pain diminished. He was delighted to know that corrective shoes and exercises were no longer needed. His ultimate joy came when he was taken to the shoe store to buy his first pair of shoes that looked like shoes the other boys wore. Cowboy boots and sneakers were among his selection, and what a good feeling to wear these shoes with ease.

Mom and Dad Brunick describe him as "all boy", and a "little farmer" among 18 Holstein cows and a few calves which helps to keep him busy on the farm.

Tom knows Jesus as his Savior and also as his Healer. His healing is witness to the healing power of Jesus through prayer.

## A CHILD TEACHER



Denise Jones, eight year old daughter of Reverend and Mrs. Dale Jones, advertises "A Child Teacher" in the promotion of her Bible Club which convenes each Wednesday at 3 p.m. The Club meets either outside or inside the La Habra, California Foursquare Church which is pastored by her parents.

Neighborhood and school friends are invited to attend "Denise's Bible Club" where they learn from God's Word. This is the teacher's primary motive and purpose. With the help of her parents, she has prepared herself to teach those in attendance.

The cost of this Bible Club is her time and effort. Denise looks for sample materials that can be used with kids, as well as outdated printed matter. Loaned films and records are also utilized from time to time.

Mom and Dad Jones are thankful for Denise's initiative and concern in making this Bible Club available to children who do not attend church. She is ministering at a young age under the capable supervision of her parents. "Even a child is known by his doings, whether his work be pure and whether it be right" (Prov. 20:11). Denise's work is pure and it is right for she is obeying the commandment of our Lord to "Go ye therefore, and teach . . ." (Matt. 28:19).

*Children's Day is a little-recognized both in the community and the church. It always occurs the second Sunday in June because of this annual special day, we introduce to our ADVANCE readers whom we feel provide us with "good news". The parents desire that God be glorified in what He has done in the lives of their children.*

## PRESCHOOLERS LEARN TO PRAISE

The word "imitate" describes children so well. Children are so capable of following a pattern, imitating example of someone. Often they are referred to as mimics, and rightly so. However, true worship by being told to do something involves the whole person—body, will and mind, children must be taught how to worship.

The preschoolers of Kokomo, Indiana Foursquare Church are learning to give thanks to God by the lifting up of hands, singing songs such as, "Let's Just Praise the Lord." What a sight to behold—the joined hands as they pray together for one another under the capable leadership of teachers and workers, and the clapping hands as they sing songs unto the Lord.

Why involve children with worship services? Simply because they are eager to participate, excited about involvement and are learning spiritual truths and training. They grow up in the church and in the ways of the church.

Children's Church in the Kokomo, Indiana Foursquare Church is meaningful and purposeful. When children have the opportunity to participate in adult services with their parents, they are acquainted with the acts of worship that take place during the services for they have been involved in worship during the morning hour both in Sunday School and in Children's Church.

The Bible says, "Let everything that breathes, praise the Lord" (Psa. 150:6). Jesus included the "little ones" of whom Jesus said, "Let them come unto me".





#### D" FOR THE HUNGRY

"...shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard?" (Rom. 10:14). This is a question asked by the Apostle Paul who desired everyone hear and know the "Good News" of the Lord Jesus Christ, the Bread of Life.

Square Missions has sent individuals to specialize in children's ministries for the purpose of teaching the Word of God to them. One of the methods used is the giving out of the printed Word—a simple tract written in the language and learning level of the child. Hundreds of tracts were handed out to Filipino children on a recent itinerary started in the Philippines. Some tracts were folded up and tied with a ribbon and then placed along the paths children would take on their way to and from school. The words, "Come give me" were repeated over and over again by national workers, Bennid and Aning, with Evangelists Arleta Keck and "Miss Lou" handed out tracts to the small, smiling hands. We believe the seed of the Word of God has been planted in the hearts and minds of many hundreds of children and we believe the words of our Lord, "My Word shall NOT return unto me void but shall accomplish that which I please" (Isa. 55:11).

A local church can provide similar opportunity for children in and around neighboring areas. Remember, "Faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the Word of God" (Rom.

"...family is made up of people, including men. They are very special to Him and vital to the local Church Body. If we desire that they be a part of the "Church of Tomorrow", they must be a part of the church today. Don't forget about the children. Take notice as Jesus did and let me come."

#### THREE YEARS ON EARTH, BUT ETERNITY IN HEAVEN

A dirty shirt, smeared face and messy hair seem to typify little William (Billy) James Ogg, the son of Reverend and Mrs. Sammy Ogg, former pastors in the Southwest District. Billy was "baby brother" to Boomer, Cherilyn, Jerry and Jennifer Ogg.

Born October 22, 1972 Billy went to be with Jesus August 16, 1976. Billy's mother wrote a beautiful poem which is shared in part with you:

*Daddy always felt sad to see you grow,  
For he loved his little boy, you know.  
But now you will forever be  
His baby boy of the age of three.*

*Mother misses you, oh, so much,  
And wishes just for one more touch.  
But this just isn't Jesus' plan  
Until I get to that Promised Land.*

*But, if by chance an angel can,  
Read you the words from your Mother's hand.  
Please, sweet child, get the message clear  
THE SIX OF US WILL MEET YOU THERE!*

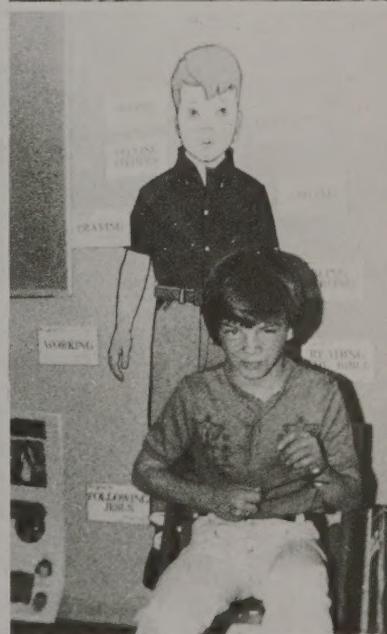
A set of books related to children's ministries has been given to the Mount Vernon, Ohio Bible College in memory of three year old Billy Ogg.

The parents of little Billy would say to you who have experienced the death of a child, "...Weeping may endure for a night, but joy cometh in the morning" (Psa. 30:5).

#### PRAISING GOD WITH SPOONS

Eleven year old Karl Lepher of El Cajon, California makes his musical contribution to Children's Church using two of Mom's teaspoons. Would you believe he can make music sounds by placing one spoon between his thumb and first finger and the second spoon between the first and second fingers? Karl was taught to play spoons by a relative when he was five years old and has since continued to use this talent for the Lord. Pastor and Mrs. Carl Purdy provide opportunity for Karl to present special musical numbers for the evening services.

Spoons are one of the few inexpensive instruments that children can learn to play so, Moms, don't be surprised if your children begin looking through the kitchen cabinet in search of two shining teaspoons.



*By Harold J. Sala, Ph.D.*



## THE ABSENTEE FATHER

Changing life styles and work patterns are changing families, and to no one's surprise the pressure gauge is moving up. Many fathers today are caught in the web of an economic trap. Although they would like to spend time with their families at home, they feel the pressures of inflation and a spiraling economy. They know that a second job means more income, yet they know that their presence at home is important. Which is more important—a higher standard of living or a dad's presence at home? Just how important is a father's presence in a home? How much does it mean to the normal development of a son to have a dad present in the home? These are some of the issues facing the Christian dad today caught in the economic crunch of our times.

More and more children are being forced to grow up in homes where there is an absentee father, and it isn't because of a broken home, either. In fact, many dads do get home eventually—late at night when the kids are already in bed, or for a few hours each weekend when they are generally too tired to drag and emotionally so weary that the slightest noise or provocation sends them into a rage.

### Television vs. dad

A rather telling indication of a father's importance in the home—or his lack of importance—is the result of a poll which was recently taken by a psychologist. According to Dr. Jung Bay Ra who conducted the poll, fathers are rated just a little more popular than television sets with their small children. In response to the question, "Which do you like better, TV or daddy?" 44% of the children chose television, which means that 56% of the children interviewed chose daddy over TV.

But when it came to mother, the children whose ages ranged from 4 to 6 chose mother over TV at a ratio of 4 to 1 which means that one out of five children ranked TV as being more important than mother.

The sad fact of life today is that many children are forced to grow up in homes where dad is noticeably missing, and a child is emotionally and spiritually deprived of something just as evident in his development as if he had a lack of protein in his diet. A diet supple-

ment can be added to a child's food intake to correct a deficiency quite easily, but dads don't come in capsules or in instant mixes that can be added to family living. When fathers are missing, something very vital is also absent.

### The child's sexual identity

Psychologist Henry Biller of the University of Rhode Island says, "The father tends to differentiate considerably more than the mother between his sons and daughters and to reward his children's sex-appropriate behavior more than she does. Thus the father-deprived child is more likely to have problems in his relations with the opposite sex—stemming from a lack of secure sex-role orientation. Studies of the family backgrounds of both male and female homosexuals reveal a very high incidence of father-deprivation."

In counseling and working with young men who consider themselves "homosexuals," I have found that no matter what differences there may be, an almost universal attribute which they share in common is the fact that they grew up in homes where the father was missing or else had been so emasculated by a dominant wife that he was virtually without influence.

Dr. Uri Bronfenbrenner, professor of family living at Cornell University, is an outspoken critic of the shape of the contemporary family, and he says that the absence of the father in a home is of far greater influence on children than a mother's absence. Surprisingly, Dr. Bronfenbrenner and his associates have found that when a father's influence is missing in the home adolescents are more likely to turn to each other for guidance than to a mother, and their own evaluation of the world is often pretty grim and pessimistic. That rather corny aphorism, "Never fear when dad is near," is grounded in good psychology, for the presence of a dad brings a certain measure of optimism and security in a rather frightening world.

### The teacher God assigned

It has been interesting to me to observe that in recent years modern psychiatry has gradually been moving closer to the Biblical principles of family living which have been in Scripture for 3500 years. Many of the problems facing the contemporary Christian family have resulted from our negligence to apply the principles of family living found in Scripture to the every day world in which we find ourselves. But there is a second failure, and that is to even know what those principles really are. Is it any wonder that our priorities are topsy-turvy?

For centuries the Bible has been saying that the father—not the mother—bears the great responsibility for the teaching and training of our sons and daughters. Notice the relationship

of the father to his children outlined by the book of Proverbs when it comes to teaching-learning situations. "My son," wrote the writer of Scripture in Proverbs 7:1,2 (Amplified) "keep my words; lay up with you my commandments and treasure them. Keep my commandments and live, and keep my law and teaching as the apple of your eye."

Not only is the father to be the great teacher of his children, but he is also to be the guide and disciplinarian as necessary. "A wise son," says Proverbs 13:1, "accepts his father's discipline." The consistent teaching of the Old Testament is further strengthened by the emphasis of the New when it comes to the responsibility of the father to his sons and daughters. Fathers are told by the Apostle Paul to discipline their children and to raise them in the fear and counsel of the Lord, but not to provoke them to anger.

### Defaulting to mom

Far too many Christian dads are guilty of leaving to their wives the responsibility of guiding and directing their children. "Let their mother do it!" and subsequently the influence and strength of a father is diminished or lost entirely. Thank God that mothers help mold and shape the character of a child, but a mother's faithfulness doesn't absolve the father of his God-given responsibilities.

In recent days social scientists have come to recognize that when a father's influence is missing in a home a child's behavior is vitally affected. Dr. Henry Biller further states, that the father's influence "begins before the baby is born—by keeping the expectant mother in a good frame of mind. And it remains crucial even in those early years when the mother supposedly is the key parent. In fact," says Biller, "the father is probably more important than the mother to the healthy sexual development of both boys and girls."

You may discount Dr. Biller's words with a shrug of your shoulders saying, "He doesn't know what he is talking about," but, believe me, no young mother who has faced the loneliness of bringing a baby into the world without the moral support of a husband and then has tried to be both mother and father to a child will scoff at what this learned authority has said.

### Roots of delinquency

Where there is no dad at home there is no authoritative figure, who simply by his presence helps a youngster to learn the difference between right and wrong. A permissive society today, augmented by the lack of father's influence, continues to produce greater and greater quantities of juvenile delinquents

and criminals. All the social programs in the world cannot replace the influence of "dear old dad" and especially a Christian father who is concerned about the spiritual welfare of his children. Professor Lawrence Fuchs of Brandeis University has been calling for the "restoration of father" to arrest the breakdown of the family unit.

Putting dad back in his rightful place will do something else too—something which can't be measured by charts and graphs. It will add a spiritual dimension to a home that virtually influences the totality of a family. Can the spiritual impact of a Christian dad be measured in monetary units?

When a young country boy was asked, "Under whose preaching were you converted?" he replied, "Weren't under nobody's preachin' but under my daddy's practicing."

### "When I grow up..."

It can quite accurately be said, "As goes the father so goes the household." Show me a dad who leads the way in the spiritual growth of his family, and I'll show you children who will grow into adolescence and young adulthood without the hangups and vices that ruin so many young lives today. When dads get right with God and begin to walk with Him, their families walk alongside. When dads learn to pray, their families learn to pray as well. When dads get up on Sunday morning and get ready for church, their families learn to worship as well.

When Jesus was here, He told the story of the prodigal son, but if He were here today, I think He would tell the story of the prodigal father who felt caught in the economic pinch of our day and left his family to make a few more dollars but neglected the treasures he had at home. But like the prodigal of yesterday, if you men will begin to think through your priorities and determine what really is important, you can return to your rightful place in the household of faith and live as God intends you to live. You'll never begin sooner than today.

Years ago God spoke through Ezekiel saying, I sought for a man among them, that should make up the hedge, and stand in the gap before me . . ." (Ezek. 22:30). God wants you to be that man—the father whose spiritual presence in his home can make all the difference in this world and the world to come. 4

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**The presence of dad brings optimism & security in an otherwise frightening world.**

## INTERNATIONAL UPDATE

### DATELINE: West Africa

**Nigeria** — (The following news item was received from Karen Belobaba, daughter of our missionaries to Nigeria):

The Second World Black and African Festival of Arts and Culture 1977, Festac, was held in Nigeria from January 19 to February 12. For many months Nigeria had been in a state of feverish excitement as plans were made to accommodate the thousands of expected guests. Invitations were sent to 75 countries with 56 sending representatives. A special village was built which provided apartments, cafeterias and a free bus service to the different places where exhibitions were located. About 100 new, air-conditioned buses were purchased from abroad and new laws eased the traffic problem in the Lagos area.

Foursquare participated in the All Christian Council of Nigerian Churches' venture to put Christ into Festac. Rev. James Boyejo, pastor of our headquarters church, trained the counsellors who manned the counsel centres wherever Festac activities took place. On different occasions, his church filled to capacity with Christians from all denominations who were present to attend his training sessions on soul winning and counselling. It is estimated that these counsellors spoke personally to 75% of the Festac participants. CFM Press in Nigeria printed 60,000 tracts in French and English.

On one of the four Sundays, Foursquare ministers conducted the service for Protestant participants. On the closing Sunday night, Rev. Samuel Odunaike, General Supervisor for Foursquare Churches in West Africa, spoke at a massive interdenominational service held in a football stadium. Using the "Parable of the Pounds" as his text, he challenged the people with

the truth that Christianity is an African responsibility as much as it is a Western or European responsibility. He reminded them that an account will have to be given to the Lord by everyone. Rev. Odunaike made such an impression that the military officer in charge of the Festival requested copies of his sermon for every member of the Federal Military Council.

As well as serving as General Supervisor for Foursquare Churches in West Africa, Rev. Odunaike has been appointed to serve on the World Evangelical Fellowship Executive Council. At present he serves as the President of the Association of Evangelicals in Africa and Madagascar (AEAM) and is Chairman of the Nigerian Evangelical Fellowship. He is the first African to sit on the Advisory Council of the World Pentecostal Conference.

### DATELINE: Latin America

**Panama** — A city-wide campaign, held in a ball park near the main church, proved very successful. Rev. Ernesto Custodio from New York City was the speaker and all 30 Foursquare Churches in the capital area cooperated. A total of 1,050 new converts were registered with hundreds of definite healings taking place. In later visits to these churches, Missionary and Mrs. Edgar Coombs met a number of these new converts already involved in the church fellowship.

The camping season in Panama recently came to a close with all camps filled beyond capacity. Because the attendance on the final night of the Chiriqui Camp reached about 1500, it was necessary to move the service outdoors. The site of the Darien Camp was in a very primitive area. Wild panthers run through the bush and monkeys swing in the trees. In spite of the camp site being in such an isolated

location there were over 300 in attendance.

A real spirit of prayer, especially among the young teenagers, pervaded all the camps.

**Nicaragua** — Pedro Hernandez, a member of the Foursquare Church in Managua and a real prayer warrior, makes his living driving a cargo truck for a local firm. On his truck route a little girl dashed in front of his truck. The impact sent her flying about 75 feet in the air and landing on the brick road.

Pedro was crushed in spirit and cried out to the Lord, "Dear Lord, I ask you, in the Name of Jesus, to touch the little girl and make her well for your honor and glory." He jumped out of the truck and rushed over to her, only to be pushed back by the hysterical mother who exclaimed, "Leave her alone! You have already killed her!" He explained that he only wanted to help. He tenderly picked the little girl up, praying as he carried her to his truck.

When he arrived at the hospital with the child and her mother, the doctor examined the little girl and declared her well and free of any bruises or other marks of the accident. By all natural causes, she should have been dead. But, because of the supernatural power of Jesus Christ, she is alive. Missionary Jerry King read to the Foursquare congregation a handwritten statement, signed by the doctor who attended the girl, declaring that the little girl was alive and perfectly well.

During a Sunday service, Missionary King offered to pray for all who would like healing in their bodies. A seven year old girl attending was faced with a serious eye operation. Her mother encouraged her to go forward for prayer. As the missionary prayed, she believed with "child-like" faith. The next day the child was admitted to

Top: Rev. Samuel Odunaike, General Supervisor for Foursquare Churches in West Africa; Rev. James Boyejo, Pastor of the headquarters church in West Africa (See story this page)



the hospital. As the doctor again examined her in preparation for surgery, he exclaimed, "There is nothing wrong with this child's eye! It is well! She doesn't need an operation. Take her home."

The grandmother was overcome with joy when the child returned healed. This miracle caused her to recall the miracle Jesus performed in her own body 20 years earlier when the Foursquare Gospel first came to Managua. Because of that miracle she has been faithful to raise her family in this church.

**Colombia** — "Recently we were called to pray for a lady, who for 40 years, has been suffering from arthritis," writes Missionary Jean Firth. "She was bedridden and unable to walk. As we talked to her about the Lord, she was greatly touched and prayed the sinner's prayer. Then we told her the Lord wanted to heal her. She confessed she had much doubt, so we laid hands on her and she was baptized in the Holy Spirit. Faith was then awakened in her heart, and as we prayed the Lord healed her and she now walks quite well."

The Firths are also praising God that the Foursquare Gospel is being taken to another capital city, that of Ibagué, the capital of Tolima. The work in Ibagué is being fully supported by the Fatima Foursquare Church until such time as the Ibagué pastor receives sufficient support from the local church. "This city is the 'doorway' to many other large cities and towns of Tolima, which we hope to enter," writes Mrs. Firth.

"Also we have entered the two large towns of San Bernardo and Arbelaez. Over 30 years ago when my husband, Rev. John Firth, took the Gospel to these towns, he was received with stones and hatred. Now the Lord has begun to work there."



(Left forefront) Rev. Silverio M. Dias, Philippine Church pioneer shown with "fruit" of his labors (See story this page).

**DATELINE: The Pacific New Guinea** — A young man insulted a young girl at the market near Hageri and the following week there was talk of a fight between the two villages involved. The Foursquare missionary was to conduct street-meetings in this place that week. When he and 10 students from the Foursquare School arrived, the people were lined on the hills and the road in back of the market, each ready for the fight with his bow and arrows.

As they began the street-meeting, some began to shout in order to stop them, but the group only sang louder and raised their hands in praise. Soon the shouting stopped and a few people at the market began to mingle together in a peaceful way. In about an hour all the people around the market went home to their respective villages. This kind of trouble often goes on for weeks, but God brought peace in order that the Word of God could be preached in these meetings and souls could be saved.

**DATELINE: Asia Philippines** — These are days of mighty spiritual blessings in the Republic of the Philippines. Rev. Silverio M. Dias, who pioneered the present Western District and was Missionary Jack Richey's predecessor, was recently taken to Manila Veteran's Memorial Hospital at the age of 88 years. His right leg was paralyzed. After believing prayer, it was reported that God wrought a miracle and he can walk again. He lifted his leg at

a 75 degree angle and demonstrated to all what he could do.

His adopted daughter reported that he speedily walked up and down the hall that morning and will be returned to his rural residence on the Island of Romblon. He began his work in 1936 and since that day a stream of converts and scores of workers have followed, with the establishment of approximately 75 churches.

Missionary Harold Jones reports that the enrollment of the resident Bible College in Quezon City is at an all time high with 137 enrolled. This, in spite of a growing program of Theological Education by Extension. Four new T.E.E. centers were opened this year and two other areas are requesting a T.E.E. center. Camilo Villacrusis and Moises Presto are the first students to complete sufficient subjects to acquire an Exhorter's license through the T.E.E. Program. Brother Villacrusis is now pastoring a church and Brother Presto is pioneering a new work. [4]

#### District Missionary Giving

District	Jan.-Apr. 1977
Angelus Temple	\$44,427.25
Eastern	40,050.16
Eastern Canada	2,197.44
Great Lakes	47,946.22
Midwest	45,114.59
Northwest	69,586.82
South Central	24,633.76
Southeast	19,044.58
So. California	67,265.74
Southwest	58,769.45
Western	42,174.61
Western Canada	16,990.89



By Dr. Howard W. Clark

## The Act of Baby Dedication Children Are a Heritage

The grandchildren were getting ready to go home after an evening of fun at our house. The six-year-old said to my wife as he picked up the toys, "Grandma, wouldn't it be nice if you had some children?" He was not old enough to understand the biological factor of where Grandmothers come from, however, he was old enough to feel the companionship and love of his Grandmother's life. He was enjoying his heritage and could feel that in like manner she, too, was delighted to have him to love and to train and to play with.

The 27th chapter of Psalms is a short discourse given entirely to home-life procedure and parenthood. The parent-child relationship is an act of God who created our body life to reproduce, and created our soul life to love and train and bless the offspring of the marriage union. Children are to be likened as a reward to the husband and wife who in the grace of God seek after the things that bless the marriage union. "...The fruit of the womb is his reward" (Psa. 127:3), therefore, we can exercise the feeling of "worthy to be a parent," having confidence that we have been selected by God to assume the role and responsibility of parenthood.

When Moses was giving instructions to the children of Israel to prepare them to live in peace and prosperity in their new homeland—Canaan, he said that teaching your children begins by talking to the child and walking with the child; and at bedtime and in the morning... giving to the child the pattern and instruction of the Lord (Deut. 6:7). Moses further said that when the Lord your God has brought you into the land He promised your ancestors and when He has given you great cities full of good things, don't forget to reverence Him and to serve Him and to use His name to declare what path has been followed (vs. 10-13). *"In the years to come when your sons ask you, 'What is the purpose of these laws which the Lord God has given us?' you must tell him, 'we were Pharaoh's slaves in Egypt, and the Lord brought us out of Egypt... so that he could give us this land he had promised to our ancestors.' And he has commanded us to obey all of these laws and to reverence him so he can preserve us alive as he has until now"* (vs. 20,21,23,24).

OPEN YOUR BIBLE:

Parents of this generation have a "Promised Land" to experience. It is the venture and the path that God provides when we bring the children for dedication to Jehovah God. Our day is centuries after Israel's travels, but the plan for family life is relatively the same. It was the Word that issued forth from Peter's lips on the day of Pentecost when he spoke, *"For the promise is unto you, and to your children, and to all that are afar off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call"* (Acts 2:39).

The first step in bringing our children to God is to present them in dedication. I like the manner of public dedication in the church for it extends the dedication beyond the parent-child relationship. It allows the congregation of believers to share in the witness that this child is to become a gift to God. The "reward" that the Psalmist names as the child given is now offered to become a human life presented to God. The "reward" the Psalmist described as the "fruit of the womb" is now a token (a significant part of the family) which the congregation can see as added into the family of God.

Dedication does not redeem a child. Only the personal acceptance by the child of God's provision for salvation can make this possible and give to the child eternal life. However, dedication does become a point of contact between God and the family which allows this precious heaven-sent gift of human life to be affected by God in every way possible through the power and intercession of the Holy Spirit. This dedication ceremony is an act of the parent-life, but the effect of that dedication becomes a life style and culture that develops and matures with time, planning and prayer. The day when it took place, the photos and records of the event are but momentos to keep. The potential of that act of dedication lies in the ongoing acts of association with the child in training and teaching from early childhood through the entire life span of both child and parent. Judge S. Lee Vavuris said in a courtroom in San Francisco recently, "The child is a child, even though a parent may be 90 and the child 60." How real and true this statement becomes when the parent and child relationship is tied together in dedication principles to God, the heavenly Father.

Developing understanding together will keep the parent-child relationship a life-long experience, culminating into the third and fourth generations as the "little ones" will come and play in the home with wonderment and delight. The cycle of training begins again as your influence is only one generation removed. But, it will be the Bible pattern as you say to the children of your child, *"Come ye children, hearken unto me: I will teach you the fear of the Lord"* (Psa. 34:11).

# RAYMOND COX: current & comments

"I'm a Gay Christian!" brazenly boasted lapel pins sported by some supporters of a "Gay Rights" bill at a hearing conducted by an Oregon State Senate Committee considering such legislation. The Bible, however, thunders that such deviates are not Christians at all.

## 1977 CONFERENCE ON CHARISMATIC RENEWAL

July 20 - 24, 1977

Kansas City, Missouri is the chosen site of what promises to be the largest gathering of Charismatic Christians from a wide variety of denominational and fellowship backgrounds ever held.

Sessions and workshops and evening general assemblies will focus on the theme, "Jesus Is Lord." Prominent speakers well known throughout the entire Charismatic renewal will minister throughout the conference.

The planning committee for the conference, under the chairmanship of Dr. Kevin Ranganhan, is composed of men from every major denominational and nondenominational group. Dr. Howard P. Courtney, Vice President of the Foursquare Organization, is a member of the committee.

For more information write: 1977 Conference On Charismatic Renewal in the Christian Churches, 237 North Michigan Street, South Bend, Indiana 46601.

While certain champions of homosexuality, demanding that churches not only accept them as constituents but also ordain them as clergy, insist that Scripture does not stripe their perversions as sin, God's Word in no uncertain terms condemns both the sin and the sinner himself, unless he repents and forsakes his practice. Sodom and Gomorrah stand as glaring examples of God's displeasure with deviation. C. M. Ward did not exaggerate when he stated, "The word Sodom has entered our dictionaries to speak of that which is contrary to nature, to describe something degrading, a driving caring of creatures to satisfy the lust of devil-driven bodies." In Leviticus 20:13 God pronounced homosexuality as a sin requiring the death penalty; its perpetrators "shall surely be put to death." Israel's theocracy came to an end. Modern governments do not exclude homosexuals as citizens, but God still excludes them from His Kingdom. "Do not be deceived," Paul warned in I Corinthians 6:9-10 (RSV) "neither the immoral, . . . nor homosexuals . . . will inherit the kingdom of God." Human governments may decriminalize perversion, but God decrees that it is still sin.

But nowadays a drive is underway to portray the practice as normal. It is never normal. Only if a pair of homosexual males produced a child through their abominable union—only if a pair of lesbians did likewise—could any pretense of normalcy be propagated. The churches' growing softness on this subject reinforces Mrs. Billy Graham's comment of some years ago, "If God does not judge America soon, He will have to apologize to Sodom and Gomorrah."

"But these people can't help it," some sociologists and psychologists excuse. "By the time a child reaches age four his sexual orientation is determined." Dr. Howard P. Courtney's word "balderdash" adequately disposes of that nonsense. And even if people can't change, the Gospel of Jesus Christ will change them! The same context which drums practicing homosexuals out of the Kingdom of God recognizes case histories of deliverance: "And such were some of you, but ye are washed, but ye are sanctified, but ye are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus, and by the Spirit of our God" (I Cor. 6:11). Some Corinthians had been homosexuals, but Christ changed them! Christ will change anyone who comes to Him!

Meanwhile, as the salt of the earth, Christians need to penetrate society and take Biblical stands on issues where the Bible speaks unmistakably. We dare not let anything go to the devil by default. 4



## LETTERS:

### Missionary to Bilibid Prison, P.I.

Thank you for the March, 1977 ADVANCE. The article about Sister Olga Robertson is wonderful. We heard her in Omaha . . . some years ago.

B.S.B.

### News Appreciated

We have enjoyed your magazine very much and love reading about missionaries and their assignments, plus all the latest news items of the Foursquare Gospel Church.

M.P.



STEWARDSHIP:

*What will happen to them when we are gone?*

## GUARDIANS

*"Uncle Henry will take care of our children!"*

Not necessarily. If you do not have a will the State does not recognize your wishes. Your WILL is ABSOLUTE.

## EXECUTOR

*"One of the kids will handle all of the details!"*

The State will appoint an Executor if you do not have one named in your WILL.

## GIFTS OF LOVE

*"A good man leaveth an inheritance to his...children."*

Proverbs 13:22

The distribution of your estate according to your desires is "just a desire" without a valid will. The State has definite laws regarding distribution, and it does not consider your Church, Bible College, Christian Radio, etc. Most Christians set aside a tenth (tithe) of their estate for the Lord's work. Many make the Church "one of their children" by giving an equal amount as that granted each child.

*In your WILL remember:*

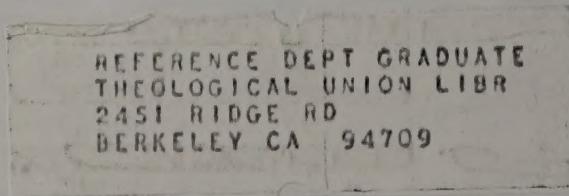
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